

## Message Text

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EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EEWT ETRD US CU  
SUBJECT: MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE INQUIRES ABOUT EMBARGO ACTION

REF: A) STATE 244010; B) HAVANA 284

1. SUBSTANCE OF PARA 1, REFTTEL A, PASSED ON TO EVELIO LASTRA AND NELSON GONZALEZ OF NORTH AMERICAN DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE, OCTOBER 11. LASTRA AND GONZALEZ EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR USG EXPLANATION OF REASON FOR DENIAL. THEY SUBSEQUENTLY MAINTAINED, HOWEVER, THAT US NATIONAL WHO ACCOMPANIED CONTINENTAL ENTERPRISES (BERMUDA) GROUP DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS AND WAS ONLY PRESENT IN ROOM FOR CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY. THEY SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THEY WOULD CHECK OVER DETAILS OF CASE. FYI: IT IS POSSIBLE THAT LASTRA AND GONZALEZ THINK THAT USG, IN ALLUDING TO US NATIONAL OFFICIAL INVOLVED IN THIS CASE, IS REFERRING TO THEODORE SORENSEN, EX-KENNEDY ADVISOR NOW WITH CONTINENTAL GRAIN, WHO BRIEFLY VISITED CUBA FOR TWO DAYS RECENTLY AND HELD TALK WITH CASTRO. END FYI.

2. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT CONTINENTAL GRAIN SUBSIDIARIES ARE CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING PROBLEMS HERE BECAUSE, ACCORDING TO CUBAZUCAR DIRECTOR LEZCANO THEY HAVE RECENTLY PROVIDED INSECT-INFESTED RICE FROM BRAZIL. BREAKDOWN OF SOY BEAN MEAL SALE, IN ADDITION, PRESUMABLY COULD DAMAGE REPUTATION OF FIRM HERE.

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